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- **MINUTES**
- **TOWN OF BELMONT**
- **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
- **SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**
- **Friday, May 7, 2010**
- **1:00 PM**
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- **CALL TO ORDER**

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- A special meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 1:13 pm by Chair Jones in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall. Selectman Paolillo was present. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti were also present.

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- **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

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- Chair Jones reviewed the Capital Budget Committee's proposed allocation of the additional \$600,000 from the override should it pass. The money would be used to repoint the police station, and for additional funding for pavement management, sidewalks, and the high school envelope.

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- The Board discussed the format of the upcoming budget forums at the Beech Street Center. These will not be Selectmen's meetings.

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- There was discussion of how the Town will allocate an additional \$400,000 for general government if the override passes. Mr. Younger recommended restoring two police and two firefighter positions, two DPW positions, one police cruiser, health insurance for the restored positions, and Sunday library hours. The Board supported this recommendation.

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- Mr. Conti suggested that in the budget summary distributed to Town Meeting Members and in the budget motion itself, the title "Fringe Benefits" be changed to "Mandatory Benefits" for better clarity. After some discussion it was agreed to change the term to "Employee and Retiree Benefits".

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- Selectman Firenze joined the meeting at 1:35 PM. Chair Jones recapped the discussion so far.

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- The Board discussed ongoing ideas and initiatives for structural reforms as they mesh with the budget process.

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- The Board moved: To accept the restoration of budget items as identified by Mr. Younger and Town Accountant Barbara Hagg in the event that the override passes.

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- Motion passed unanimously (3-0).
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- There was discussion concerning the timing of mailings to Town Meeting members. In order to provide timely information for Town Meeting, the Board agreed to go ahead with a mailing even if the Capital Budget Committee and Warrant Committee reports are not ready and have to be sent in a second mailing. [Note: The reports were ultimately submitted early and the Town was able to avoid the expense of a second mailing.]
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- The Board discussed the status of the Belmont Youth Basketball Association (BYBA) in light of the decision by the Recreation Commission that the BYBA should move forward as an independent group. There was disagreement among the Board members as Selectman Firenze felt strongly that this was the wrong solution while the other Selectmen were inclined to accept the Recreation Commission's decision. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.
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- The Board adjourned at 1:56 PM.
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